

REMARKS

Preliminarily, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim to priority and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents from the International Bureau in the next communication from the PTO.


With respect to the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicants note that the co-pending application is abandoned, and thus withdrawal of the provisional rejection is respectfully requested.

As to the art rejections, Applicants submit that the wrong claims were examined, because in the Article 19 Amendment which is listed in the Notice of Acceptance, claim 3 was canceled and claim 1 was amended to include an additional feature, but in the Office Action, claim 3 has been rejected and the additional feature in claim 1 has not been discussed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a new office action relating to the claims set forth in the Article 19 Amendment.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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